

**MEMORY CELL STRUCTURE OF METAL PROGRAMMABLE READ ONLY  
MEMORY HAVING BIT CELLS WITH A SHARED TRANSISTOR CELL**

RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of Korean Patent Application No.  
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by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a semiconductor memory devices and more  
particularly, to memory cell structures of metal programmable read only memories  
(ROMs).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

A Mask Read Only Memory (Mask ROM) is a semiconductor memory device in  
which data required is coded during a manufacturing process. There are, generally,  
two types of Mask ROMs: an embedded diffusion-programmable ROM and an  
embedded metal programmable ROM. Whether a mask ROM is an embedded  
diffusion-programmable ROM or an embedded metal programmable ROM, depends  
on the manufacturing process. Specifically, in the case of the embedded diffusion  
programmable ROM, its ROM data is programmed during a diffusion process,  
whereas in the case of the embedded metal programmable ROM, its ROM data is  
programmed during a metal/metallization process. Additionally, in an embedded via  
programmable ROM, which is similar to the embedded metal programmable ROM, its  
ROM data code is programmed during a via process.

Generally, the embedded diffusion-programmable ROM has been preferred to  
the embedded metal programmable ROM, mainly because the integration density of  
the former is typically higher than that of the latter by about from 25% to 35%.

However, compared to the embedded metal programmable ROM, it typically  
takes more time to manufacture the embedded diffusion-programmable ROM after  
data is received from a user. Recently, increased interest has been shown in the

embedded metal (or via) programmable ROM, not only because the integration density thereof has been largely improved as techniques of manufacturing semiconductors have developed, but also because it is advantageous in terms of "Time-to-Market."

**FIG. 1** illustrates a two-column bit memory cell structure of a conventional embedded metal programmable ROM. Referring to **FIG. 1**, a conventional metal programmable ROM includes first and second word lines **WL1** and **WL2**, first and second bit lines **BL1** and **BL2**, a virtual grounding line **VGND** and first through fourth NMOS cell transistors **n11** - **n14**.

A first side of each of the first through fourth NMOS cell transistors **n11** - **n14** is connected to the virtual grounding line **VGND**. Also, the gates of the first and third cell transistors **n11** and **n13** and the gates of the second and fourth cell transistors **n12** and **n14** are connected to the first word line **WL1** and the second word line **WL2**, respectively.

Referring to **FIG. 1**, data 0, 1 and data 0, 0 are coded in two bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1** and two bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**, respectively. When the data 0, 1 is coded in two bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1**, the second side of the first cell transistor **n11** is connected to the first bit line **BL1** and the second side of the first cell transistor **n13** is floated. On the other hand, when the data 0, 0 is coded in two bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**, the second sides of the second cell transistor **n12** and the fourth cell transistor **n14** are connected to the first bit line **BL1** and the second bit line **BL2**, respectively.

**FIG. 2** shows a four-column bit memory structure of a conventional metal programmable ROM. Referring to **FIG. 2**, the four-column bit memory cell of a conventional metal programmable ROM includes first and second word lines **WL1** and **WL2**, first and second bit lines **BL1** and **BL2**, first to third virtual grounding lines **VGND1** - **VGND3** and first through eighth NMOS cell transistors **n21** - **n28**.

A first side of each of the first and second cell transistors **n21** - **n22** is connected to the first virtual grounding line **VGND1**. A first side of each of the third through sixth NMOS cell transistors **n23** - **n26** and a first side of each of the seventh and eighth cell transistors **n27** and **n28** are connected to the second virtual grounding line **VGND2** and the third virtual grounding line **VGND3**, respectively.

Further, the first word line **WL1** is connected to the gates of the first, third, fifth

and seventh cell transistors **n21**, **n23**, **n25** and **n27** and the second word line **WL2** is connected to the gates of the second, fourth, sixth and eighth cell transistors **n22**, **n24**, **n26** and **n28**.

**FIG. 2** shows that data 0, 0, 1, 0 and 1, 0, 1, 1 are coded in four bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1** and four bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**. If data 0, 0, 1, 0 are coded in four bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1**, the second sides of the first and third cell transistors **n21** and **n23** are connected to the first bit line **BL1**, the second side of the fifth cell transistor **n25** is floated and the second side of the seventh cell transistor **n27** is connected to the second bit line **BL2**. On the other hand, when data 1, 0, 1, 1 are coded in four bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**, the second sides of the second, sixth and eighth cell transistors **n22**, **n26** and **n28** are floated and the second side of the fourth cell transistor **n24** is connected to the first bit line **BL1**.

The above-described conventional metal programmable ROMs, however, may have a disadvantage in that the size thereof may be larger than that of a conventional embedded diffusion programmable ROM because diffusion domains that hold a bit line in common are separated from one another. Furthermore, the reading speed may be increased over that of a conventional embedded diffusion programmable ROM due to an increase in the loaded capacitance of a bit line which may also result in an increase in power consumption.

### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Embodiments of the present invention provide a memory cell structure of a metal programmable ROM that includes a word line, a bit line, first and second virtual grounding lines and a cell transistor. The cell transistor has a first side connected to the bit line. The cell transistor provides a first bit cell selected by signals of the word line and the first virtual grounding line and a second bit cell selected by signals of the word line and the second virtual grounding line.

In further embodiments of the present invention, a grounding line is also provided. In such embodiments, a second side of the cell transistor is selectively floated or connected to one of the first virtual grounding line, the second virtual grounding line and/or the grounding line, and the gate of the cell transistor is connected to the word line.

In further embodiments of the present invention, a memory cell structure of a metal programmable ROM is provided having first and second word lines, a bit line, a grounding line and first and second virtual grounding lines. A first cell transistor having a drain connected to the bit line and a gate connected to the first word line and a second cell transistor having a drain connected to the bit line and a gate connected to the second word line are also provided.

In such embodiments, a source of the first cell transistor may be floated or connected to one of the first virtual grounding line, the second virtual grounding line and/or the grounding line. Furthermore, a source of the second cell transistor may be floated or connected to one of the first virtual grounding line, the second virtual grounding line and/or the grounding line.

The first cell transistor may be shared by both a first bit cell selected by the first word line and the first virtual grounding line and a second bit cell selected by the first word line and the second virtual grounding line. Similarly, the second cell transistor may be shared both by a third bit cell selected by the second word line and the first virtual grounding line and a fourth bit cell selected by the second word line and the second virtual grounding line.

In additional embodiments of the present invention, a memory cell structure of a metal programmable ROM is provided having first and second word lines, first and second bit lines, a grounding line and first, second and third virtual grounding lines. A first cell transistor has a drain connected to the first bit line and a gate connected to the first word line. A second cell transistor has a drain connected to the first bit line and a gate connected to the second word line. A third cell transistor has a drain connected to the second bit line and a gate connected to the first word line and a fourth cell transistor has a drain connected to the second bit line and a gate connected to the second word line.

In such embodiments, a source of the first cell transistor may be floated or connected to one of the first virtual grounding line, the second virtual grounding line and/or the grounding line. A source of the second cell transistor may be floated or connected to one of the first virtual grounding line, the second virtual grounding line and/or the grounding line. Furthermore, a source of the third cell transistor may be floated or connected to one of the second virtual grounding line, the third virtual grounding line and/or the grounding line. A source of the fourth cell transistor is

floatated or connected to one of the second virtual grounding line, the third virtual grounding line and/or the grounding line.

In additional embodiments of the present invention, the first cell transistor is shared both by a bit cell selected by the first word line and the first virtual grounding line and a bit cell selected by the first word line and the second virtual grounding line.

Similarly, the second cell transistor may be shared both by a bit cell selected by the second word line and the first virtual grounding line and a bit cell selected by the second word line and the second virtual grounding line. The third cell transistor may be shared both by a bit cell selected by the first word line and the second virtual grounding line and a bit cell selected by the first word line and the third virtual grounding line. The fourth cell transistor may be shared by both a bit cell selected by the second word line and the second virtual grounding line and a bit cell selected by the second word line and the third virtual grounding line.

In still further embodiments of the present invention, a memory cell structure for two bit cells of a programmable ROM is provided. The memory cell structure includes a word line, a bit line, a grounding line, first and second virtual grounding lines and a transistor having a controlling terminal connected to the word line, a first controlled terminal connected to the bit line and a second controlled terminal selectively floated or connected to one of the grounding line, the first virtual grounding line, the second virtual grounding line or the bit line based on a value of data programmed into the two bit cells.

In further embodiments of the present invention, the second controlled terminal of the transistor is floated or connected to the bit line to program both bit values to a first logic value. Alternatively, the second controlled terminal is connected to the grounding line to program both bit values to a second logic value opposite the first logic value. The second controlled terminal may also be connected to the first virtual grounding line to program a value of the first bit cell to the second logic value and the value of the second bit cell to the first logic value or connected to the second virtual grounding line to program a value of the first bit cell to the first logic value and the value of the second bit cell to the second logic value.

The second controlled terminal may be selectively floated or connected by a metal fabrication process. Alternatively, the second controlled terminal may be selectively floated or connected by the selective formation of vias.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Other features of the present invention will be more readily understood from the following detailed description of specific embodiments thereof when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

**FIG. 1** illustrates a two-column bit memory cell structure of a conventional metal programmable ROM;

**FIG. 2** illustrates a four-column bit memory cell structure of a conventional metal programmable ROM;

**FIGS. 3 through 5** illustrate one-column bit memory cell structures of a metal (or via) programmable ROM according to embodiments of the present invention; and

**FIGS. 6 through 8** illustrate two-column bit memory cell structures of a metal (or via) programmable ROM according to embodiments of the present invention.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

While the invention is susceptible to various modifications and alternative forms, specific embodiments thereof are shown by way of example in the drawings and will herein be described in detail. It should be understood, however, that there is no intent to limit the invention to the particular forms disclosed, but on the contrary, the invention is to cover all modifications, equivalents, and alternatives falling within the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the claims. Like numbers refer to like elements throughout the description of the figures. It will also be understood that when an element is referred to as being "connected" or "coupled" to another element, it can be directly connected or coupled to the other element or intervening elements may also be present. In contrast, when an element is referred to as being "directly connected" or "directly coupled" to another element, there are no intervening elements present.

While embodiments of the present invention are described below with reference to nMOS transistors, it will be understood that other types of transistors may be used. Furthermore, the operations and interconnections of the transistors as described with reference to gates, sources and drains but can be other types of controlled and controlling terminals associated with different types of transistors.

**FIGS. 3 through 5** are views of one-column bit memory cell structures of a

metal (or via) programmable ROM according to embodiments of the present invention.

Referring to **FIGS. 3** through **5**, the one-column bit memory cell structures of embodiments of the present invention include first and second word lines **WL1** and **WL2**, a bit line **BL**, first and second virtual grounding lines **VGND1** and **VGND2**, a grounding line **GND** and first and second NMOS cell transistors **n31** and **n32**.

The drain and gate of the first cell transistor **n31** are connected to the bit line **BL** and the first word line **WL1**, respectively, whereas the drain and gate of the second cell transistor **n32** are connected to the bit line **BL** and the second word line **WL2**, respectively.

The source of the first cell transistor **n31** is floated or, alternatively, connected to any one of the first virtual grounding line **VGND1**, the second virtual grounding line **VGND2** and/or the grounding line **GND** depending on the data coded in continuous two-bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1**. On the other hand, the source of the second cell transistor **n32** is floated or, alternatively, connected to any one of the first virtual grounding line **VGND1**, the second virtual grounding line **VGND2** or the grounding line **GND** depending on the data coded in contiguous two-bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**.

In other words, the first cell transistor **n31** is shared by both a bit cell selected by the first word line **WL1** and the first virtual grounding line **VGND1**, and a bit cell selected by the first word line **WL1** and the second virtual grounding line **VGND2**, and second cell transistor **n32** is shared by both a bit cell selected by the second word line **WL2** and the first virtual grounding line **VGND1** and a bit cell selected by the second word line **WL2** and the second virtual grounding line **VGND2**.

**FIG. 3** shows a one-column bit memory cell structure of a metal programmable ROM according to embodiments of the present invention, in which data 0, 1 is coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1**, and data 0, 0 are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**. When data 0, 1 are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1**, the source of the first cell transistor **n31** is connected to the first virtual grounding line **VGND1**. Also, when data 0, 0 are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**, the source of the second cell transistor **n32** is connected to the grounding line **GND**.

With regard to the operation of the one column bit memory cell structure

illustrated in **FIG. 3**, initially, the logic values of the bit line **BL** and the first and second virtual grounding lines **VGND1**, **VGND2** are "high" and the logic value of the grounding line **GND** is "low." When the logic value of the first word line **WL1** is "high" and the logic value of the first virtual grounding line **VGND1** is changed from "high" to "low," the first cell transistor **n31** is turned on and a discharge path is then formed from the bit line **BL** to the first virtual grounding line **VGND1**. As a result, the logic value of the bit line **BL** changes from "high" to "low" via the first cell transistor **n31** and this logic "low" value can be read through a circumferential circuit(s). Thus, a logical "0" value may be coded in a bit cell selected by the first word line **WL1** and the first virtual grounding line **VGND1** by the connection of the first cell transistor **n31** to the first virtual grounding line **VGND1**.

When the first word line **WL1** is "high" and the logic value of the second virtual grounding line **VGND2** is changed from "high" to "low," the first cell transistor **n31** is turned on, but both the logic values of the first virtual grounding line **VGND1** and the bit line **BL** are "high." Therefore, the logic value of the bit line is output and read as a logical "1," which is coded in a bit cell selected by the first word line **WL1** and the second virtual grounding line **VGND2**, is output and read. Thus, by connecting the source of the first cell transistor **n31** to **VGND1**, the value of 0,1 is coded into the bit cells accessed by **WL1**. Alternatively, by connecting the source of the first cell transistor **n31** to **VGND2**, the value of 1,0 may be coded into the bit cells accessed by **WL1**.

With regard to the bit cells accessed by the second word line **WL2**, when the second word line **WL2** is "high" and the logic value of the first virtual grounding line **VGND1** is changed from "high" to "low," the second cell transistor **n32** is turned on and a discharge path is then formed from the bit line **BL** to the grounding line **GND**. As a result, the logic value of the bit line **BL** is discharged from "high" to "low" via the second cell transistor **n32** and this logic "low" value can be read through the circumferential circuit(s). Thus, a logical "0" value may be coded in a bit cell selected by the second word line **WL2** and the first virtual grounding line **VGND1** by the connection of the second cell transistor **n32** to the grounding line **GND**.

If the logic value of the second word line **WL2** is "high" and the logic value of the second virtual grounding line **VGND2** is changed from "high" to "low," the second cell transistor **n32** is turned on and a discharge path is then formed from the bit line **BL** to



the grounding line **GND**. As a result, the logic value of the bit line **BL** is discharged from "high" to "low" via the second cell transistor **n32** and this logic "low" value can be read through the circumferential circuit(s). Thus, a logical "0" value may be coded in a bit cell selected by the second word line **WL2** and the first virtual grounding line

**VGND2** by the connection of the second cell transistor **n32** to the grounding line **GND**.

**FIG. 4** shows a one-column bit memory cell structure of a metal (or via) programmable ROM according to embodiments of the present invention, in which data 0, 0 are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1**, and data 0, 0 are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**.

Referring to **FIG. 4**, when data 0, 0 are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1**, the source of the first cell transistor **n31** is connected to the grounding line **GND**, and when data 0, 0 are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**, the source of the second cell transistor **n32** is connected to the grounding line **GND**.

**FIG. 5** shows a one-column bit memory cell structure of a metal (or via) programmable ROM according to the present invention, in which data 1, 1 are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1**, and data 1, 1 are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**. Referring to **FIG. 5**, when data 1, 1 are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1**, the source of the first cell transistor **n31** is floated, and when data 1, 1 are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**, the source of the second cell transistor **n32** is floated. Here, the sources of the floated first and second cell transistors **n31** and **n32** may function like an antenna, thus causing noise. For this reason, in order to prevent noise, the sources of the first and second cell transistors **n31** and **n32** can be connected to the bit line **BL**.

The operations of the one-column memory cells shown in **FIGS. 4** and **5** are based on the same principle as that of the one-column memory cell shown in **FIG. 3**. Therefore, a detailed explanation thereof will be omitted here. However, in summary, the connection of a source of one of the transistors **n31** or **n32** to **VGND1** establishes the data as 0, 1 where 0 is the value of the bit line **BL** when **VGND1** is low and 1 is the value of the bit line when **VGND2** is low and where **VGND1** and **VGND2** are a logical low value when the corresponding bit is read using the bit line **BL**. Similarly, the connection of a source of one of the transistors **n31** or **n32** to **VGND2** establishes the

data as 1,0 where 1 is the value of the bit line **BL** when **VGND1** is low and 0 is the value of the bit line when **VGND2** is low and where **VGND1** and **VGND2** are a logical low value when the corresponding bit is read using the bit line **BL**. Connection of a source of one of the transistors **n31** or **n32** to the grounding line **GND** sets the data as 0,0 and connection of a source of one of the transistors **n31** or **n32** to the bit line **BL** or if the source of one of the transistors **n31** or **n32** is left floating, then the data is set to 1,1. Thus, a bit cells may utilizing a single transistor for both bit values.

**FIGS. 6 through 8** are views of two-column bit memory cells of a metal (or via) programmable ROM according to embodiments of the present invention. The two-column bit memory cell structures shown in **FIGS. 6 through 8** include first and second word lines **WL1** and **WL2**, first and second bit lines **BL1** and **BL2**, first through third virtual grounding lines **VGND1**, **VGND2** and **VGND3**, a grounding line **GND** and first through fourth NMOS cell transistors **n61** through **n64**.

The drain and gate of the first cell transistor **n61** are connected to the first bit line **BL1** and the first word line **WL1**, respectively, and the drain and gate of the second cell transistor **n62** are connected to the first bit line **BL1** and the second word line **WL2**, respectively. Further, the drain and gate of the third cell transistor **n63** are connected to the second bit line **BL2** and the first word line **WL1**, respectively and the drain and gate of the fourth cell transistor **n64** are connected to the second bit line **BL2** and the second word line **WL2**, respectively.

The source of the first cell transistor **n61** is floated or, alternatively, connected to any one of the first virtual grounding line **VGND1**, the second virtual grounding line **VGND2** and/or the grounding line **GND**, depending on data selected by the first word line **WL1** that are coded in two adjacent bit cells. On the other hand, the source of the second cell transistor **n62** is floated or, alternatively, connected to any one of the first virtual grounding line **VGND1**, the second virtual grounding line **VGND2** and/or the grounding line **GND**, depending on data that are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**.

The source of the third cell transistor **n63** is floated or, alternatively, connected to any one of the second virtual grounding line **VGND2**, the third virtual grounding line **VGND3** and/or the grounding line **GND**, depending on data that are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1**. The source of the fourth cell transistor **n64** is floated or, alternatively, connected to any one of the second virtual

grounding line **VGND2**, the third virtual grounding line **VGND3** and/or the grounding line **GND**, depending on data that are coded in two adjacent bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**.

That is, the first cell transistor **n61** is shared by both by a bit cell selected by the first word line **WL1** and the first virtual grounding line **VGND1** and a bit cell selected by the first word line **WL1** and the second virtual grounding line **VGND2**. The second cell transistor **n62** is shared by both a bit cell selected by the second word line **WL2** and the first virtual grounding line **VGND1** and a bit cell selected by the second word line **WL2** and the second virtual grounding line **VGND2**.

The third cell transistor **n63** is shared by both a bit cell selected by the first word line **WL1** and the second virtual grounding line **VGND2** and a bit cell selected by the first word line **WL1** and the third virtual grounding line **VGND3**. The fourth cell transistor **n64** is shared by both a bit cell selected by the second word line **WL2** and the second virtual grounding line **VGND2** and a bit cell selected by the second word line **WL2** and the third virtual grounding line **VGND3**.

**FIG. 6** shows a two-column memory cell structure of a metal programmable ROM according to embodiments of the present invention, in which data 0, 0, 1, 0 are coded in adjacent four bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1** and data 1, 0, 1, 1 are coded in adjacent four bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**.

Referring to **FIG. 6**, when data 0, 0, 1, 0 are coded in adjacent four bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1**, the source of the first cell transistor **n61** and the source of the third cell transistor **n63** are connected to the grounding line **GND** and the third virtual grounding line **VGND3**, respectively. Also, if data 1, 0, 1, 1 are coded in adjacent four bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**, the source of the second cell transistor **n62** is connected to the second virtual grounding line **VGND2** and the source of the fourth cell transistor **n64** is floated or connected to the second bit line **BL2**.

**FIG. 7** shows a two-column memory cell structure of a metal programmable ROM according to embodiments of the present invention, in which data 0, 0, 0, 0 are coded in four adjacent bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1** and data 0, 0, 0, 0 are coded in four adjacent bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**.

Referring to **FIG. 7**, when data 0, 0, 0, 0 are coded in four adjacent bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1**, the sources of the first cell transistor **n61** and the

third cell transistor **n63** are connected to the grounding line **GND**. Also, when data 0, 0, 0, 0 are coded in four adjacent bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**, the source of the second cell transistor **n62** and the source of the fourth cell transistor **n64** are connected to the grounding line **GND**.

**FIG. 8** shows a two-column memory cell structure of a metal programmable ROM according to embodiments of the present invention, in which data 1, 1, 1, 1 are coded in four adjacent bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1** and data 1, 1, 1, 1 are coded in four adjacent bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**.

Referring to **FIG. 8**, when data 1, 1, 1, 1 are coded in four adjacent bit cells selected by the first word line **WL1**, the sources of the first and third cell transistors **n61** and **n63** are all floated or, alternatively, connected to their respective bit lines **BL1** and **BL2**. Also, when data 1, 1, 1, 1 are coded in four adjacent bit cells selected by the second word line **WL2**, the sources of the second and fourth cell transistor **n62** and **n64** are all floated or, alternatively, connected to their respective bit lines **BL1** and **BL2**.

The floated sources of the first through fourth cell transistors **n62** through **n64** may function as an antenna, thus causing noise. Thus, as described above, alternatively, the sources of the first and second cell transistors **n61** and **n62** can be connected to the first bit line **BL1**, and the sources of the third and fourth cell transistors **n63** and **n64** can be connected to the second bit lines **BL2**.

The operations of the two-column memory cells of a metal programmable ROM shown in **FIGS. 6** through **8** are based on the same principle as that of the one-column memory cell in **FIG. 3**. Therefore, a detailed explanation thereof will be omitted here.

However, as will be appreciated by one of skill in the art in light of the present disclosure, the selective connection of the transistors of the bit cells may be made to provide any desired combination of bits coded into the bit cells.

In the above-described memory cell structures of a metal programmable ROM according to the present invention, one cell transistor is shared both by two adjacent bit cells selected by the same word line and, thus, may have the same level of memory integration as in a diffusion programmable ROM. Further, a loaded capacitance of a bit line may be reduced over conventional metal programmable ROMs, thereby enhancing reading speed and reducing power consumption.

As described above, preferred embodiments of a memory cell structure of a

metal programmable ROM are explained with regard to the drawings. Although only one-column and two-column bit memory cell structures are described above, a memory cell structure having four or more columns can also be created. That is, while the present invention has been particularly shown and described with reference to the preferred embodiments thereof, the present invention is not restricted to the above  
5 embodiments. Further, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes in form and details may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims. Accordingly, the right scope for which the present invention is sought must be determined based on the technical idea  
10 of the appended claims.